



The Rosicrucian Fellowship MBM#4
Minutes of the SWS Board Meeting of December 15, 2014
MBM#4 – 2014-12-15

Subject: Final notice, Vote tally on Saturday Dec. 20, 2014: Call to BOT Meeting #4 SWS-2014-12-15 at 16:47 UTC
Regarding: Delay implementing additional study requirements for Students and Probationers.
Reference: Request for SWS and vote on Motion: "The implementation of additional study requirements for students and probationers is delayed until February 1, 2015 unless the Board makes further changes at its next Quarterly Board Meeting or a Special Meeting prior to Feb. 1, 2015."

The voting was as follows:

Jim Noel: I approve the call for a special written session. I also approve the motion as presented. 19:01 UTC Monday 15 December

Juan Javier Vesga: I approve this Special Written Session, and I also approve the motion. 20:03 UTC Monday 15 December

Roberto Gomes Da Costa: I approve this SWS and the correspondent motion. 01:51 UTC Tuesday 16 December

Jean-Claude Verdin: I approve this written session and I vote NO to the motion. 06:51 UTC Tuesday 16 December

Christophe Gendre, **First:** "I approve the SWS and I vote "Blank: to the motion". 12:04 UTC Tuesday 16 December.

Christophe Gendre **Changed:** "I approve the SWS and I vote YES to the motion". 18:36 UTC Tuesday 16 December.

D. Ross Duffel: I approve the SWS and I vote YES to the motion.

Louis Agbe: I approve this special written session and also the motion as stated 23:03 UTC Tuesday 16 December

Jean de Galzain: "Sorry I missed the deadline for the approval of the meeting, but I vote no on the motion to extend the deadline." 01:06 UTC Thursday 18 December.

Joachim D F Kangni: I approve the special written and the motion as stated 18:43 UTC Friday 19 December

Final Count: **Approval** of SWS within 24 Hour: 5 VOTES (Quorum) - **Votes** approving Motion: 7 YES Votes, 2 NO votes.

Dewey Ross Duffel, TRF Board Chairman

Jean de Galzain, TRF General Secretary

Original Call For SWS From: Board Chair, Ross Duffel on Monday December 15, 2014 at 16:47 PM UTC
Subject: Delay implementing additional study requirements for Students and Probationers.

Please read the Reference material below. Note also the Motion.

In accord with Art. IV, Section 14 of our Bylaws:

"Please approve or disapprove this call for a Special Written Session within twenty-four (24) hours. If the call to meet is approved, your vote on the motion under consideration must be received no later than Friday, 24:00

hours, (midnight,) 19 December 2014 Pacific Standard Time. **If you exercise your option to vote on the motion when responding to this call you must also approve or disapprove this call for a meeting.** When responding to this call or voting you must address all Trustees and the General Secretary simultaneously. A lack of response or a late response will be considered an abstention."

Please click the "**Reply All**" button on your email program, and within 24 hours to end 11:00 AM PST (11:00 hours Standard Time) Tuesday 16 December 2014, return by email an indication that you either Approve or Disapprove of the **call to meet** by Special Written Session.

In addition, you may also indicate in the same email that you Approve or Disapprove of the Motion below.

Email votes to Approve or Disapprove the motion must be received by Friday, 24:00 hours PST, 19 December 2014.

Background:

I (Chair person) have been asked to put the issue of requirements for Regular Student and requirements to apply for Probationership on the agenda of the next Regular Board of Trustees meeting. There is a perceived need for clarity in whether or not this applies to students and probationers who began their process before January 1, 2015.

Also, the same issue is on the agenda of the Bylaws Revision Committee (BRC).

For more background information see the Reference excerpt of the May 5th, 2014 BOT Meeting Minutes pasted below the motion for this SWS.

Additional: The next regular meeting of the board is January 24th, 2015. Passage of the following motion will allow the board to clarify how the additional requirements will be applied before such requirements are put into effect.

Motion:

"I (Ross Duffel) move that the application of increased study requirements for Regular Students and Probationer applicants be applicable no sooner than February 1, 2015."

Note: The motion above, if passed, will effectively modify the phrase below, "**no sooner than the deadline of January 1, 2015.**" so that the start date will be after the next regular board meeting and the board will thus have time to re-write the proposal.

Reference May 5, 2014 minutes.

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10.) Lack of Rosicrucian Education: Due to a great lack of Education in Rosicrucian Teaching within our membership as witnessed by the questions asked from Headquarters, and students and probationers drop out not knowing the teachings. It has been suggested that we raise the study requirement before aspirant can apply for various level of membership. It is implied that a better educated membership will be in a stronger position to support our collect effort to spread the Teachings to the world, a responsibility that fall on every single members of our organization. This will also bring everyone to understand the true meaning of the Great Work of the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross in service to Humanity and entice each with a more personal participation in it. **All application for Regular Student will be honored only after one has completed both the Preliminary Philosophy course as well as the Supplementary Philosophy course. Applications for Probationership will be honored only after the Regular Student has completed both the Bible and Astrology Courses to be allowed to take their vow.**

It was suggested that if members do not read all our books and do not take any courses beyond the preliminary Philosophy how can they pretend to know and spread the Teachings which is their individual responsibility. **After further discussion a majority of the Board approved the concept and made it applicable no sooner than the deadline of January 1, 2015.** (with three votes against: Sheldon Deal, Christophe and Jean Claude Verdun)